

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the first paragraph at page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of co-pending application serial number 09/917,847 filed July 26, 2001, which is a continuation of application serial number 09/761,544 filed December 6, 1996, having a Continued Prosecution Application filed June 21, 2000, now abandoned.

Substitute the following for the corresponding paragraph in the specification at page 30, line 35 to page 31 line 17:

The method of preparing the composition includes the steps of forming a complete slurry ~~ever~~ of a liquid vehicle and the catalyst composition where the catalyst composition comprises at least one first precious metal component supported on at least one first refractory compound and at least one second precious metal component supported on at least one second refractory compound, where the total amount of first precious metal component relative to the second is as recited above and the average particle size of the second refractory compound is greater than the average particle size of the first refractory compound is as recited above. In the preferred embodiment, the method further comprises the steps of forming at least one first slurry comprising at least one first precious metal component supported on at least one first refractory compound and forming a second slurry comprising at least one second precious metal component supported on at least one second refractory compound and mixing the first slurry and second slurry to make the complete slurry. The complete slurry can be deposited as a layer on the substrate. There can be more than one first slurry containing components which have a greater concentration in the bottom, and there can be more than one second slurry containing components which have a greater concentration in the upper. In this way, segregation or components with the upper and lower half (regions) of the layer can be achieved.